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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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I applaud the Governor's proposal to build and improve our state's courthouses. Our country's great tradition of ensuring equitable justice requires that the integrity of our justice system infrastructure remain strong and viable. The Governor's proposal calls for general obligation bonds in the amount of \$800 million for fiscal years 2006-2007 through 2010-2011, and \$1 billion in years 2011-2016. In anticipation of the Governor's proposal being enacted, the most prudent course of action to ensure that taxpayers receive the biggest return on each dollar invested, in the building of new courthouses, would be to demonstrate, prior to the issuance of general obligation bonds, the efficiency and cost effectiveness of a public/private partnership construction model.

In order to accomplish this it would be beneficial for the state to identity a new courthouse pilot construction project, whereby a public/private partnership is used to

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demonstrate the efficacy of the model. Finally, I believe it would be prudent for the state to grant authority to Los Angeles County and agree by contract to commence a public/private partnership new courthouse project. This will underscore how the future bond funding could be leveraged and used in a manner that would allow for the greatest number of projects to be completed within the limited funding parameters.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board send a five signature letter to the County's legislative delegation supporting the Governor's courthouse construction initiative, and further that we instruct our legislative advocates in Sacramento to work with the Department of Finance and seek a legislative author to allow the state to become a party to a public/private partnership whereby a new courthouse is constructed.

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